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COUNTY FARM REPORT.

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE COUNTY FARM

JANUARY 1, 1876.

LIVE STOCK.

1 pair stags,	.	.	.	.	.	\$175 00
2 " oxen,	.	.	.	.	.	425 00
2 " 3 year old oxen,	.	.	.	.	.	200 00
1 full blooded Ayrshire Bull,	.	.	.	.	.	75 00
28 milch cows,	.	.	.	.	.	1540 00
8 yearlings,	.	.	.	.	.	280 00
4 heifer calves,	.	.	.	.	.	80 00
1 bull calf,	.	.	.	.	.	30 00
1 pair work horses,	.	.	.	.	.	425 00
1 bay horse,	.	.	.	.	.	250 00
1 " mare,	.	.	.	.	.	225 00
1 White Chester Boar,	.	.	.	.	.	35 00
18 shoats,	.	.	.	.	.	225 00
2 sows and 1 boar, Chester and York,	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
42 fowls,	.	.	.	.	.	31 50—\$4,046 50

HAY AND GRAIN.

60 tons English hay,	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,320 00
3 " rowen hay,	.	.	.	.	.	60 00
5 " stock hay,	.	.	.	.	.	75 00
10 " oat fodder,	.	.	.	.	.	200 00
1 " swale hay,	.	.	.	.	.	8 00
10 " barley and rye straw,	.	.	.	.	.	125 00
280 bushels N. corn,	.	.	.	.	.	280 00
240 " barley,	.	.	.	.	.	240 00
12 tons shorts,	.	.	.	.	.	300 00—\$2,608 00

MEATS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES, GROCERIES, &c.

1151 pounds fresh beef,	.	.	.	.	.	\$101 79
289 " " pork,	.	.	.	.	.	43 35
37 barrels salt beef	.	.	.	.	.	629 00
18 1-2 " " pork,	.	.	.	.	.	455 50
1 1-2 " " shoulders,	.	.	.	.	.	33 00
1 1-2 " " hams,	.	.	.	.	.	30 00
1 1-2 " " heads,	.	.	.	.	.	18 00
1-2 " " leans,	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
1-2 " " hocks,	.	.	.	.	.	12 50

1352 bushels potatoes,	676 00
75 " turnips,	24 75
39 " carrots,	19 50
35 " parsnips,	17 50
38 " beets,	28 50
6 " onions,	9 00
51 " pea beans,	102 00
2 " peas,	3 20
700 heads cabbage,	42 00
4 barrels salt cucumbers,	40 00
10 " No. 1 apples,	30 00
6 " No. 2 apples,	12 00
7 " cider,	28 00
17 cider and 5 vinegar barrels,	33 00
365 gallons vinegar,	93 25
110 pounds tea,	44 00
20 " green tea,	15 00
1200 " salt fish	42 00
260 " coffee,	22 10
5 " hops,	1 25
231 " granulated sugar,	25 99
230 " L. H. "	24 15
77 " starch,	5 39
412 " family soap,	28 84
38 " castile soap,	4 56
20 " yeast powders,	8 00
4 boxes table salt,	1 00
1 box rasins,	3 00
1 barrel crackers,	3 75
3 boxes Mustard, (large,)	10 50
75 pounds ginger,	16 50
83 " pepper,	20 75
224 " saleratus,	16 24
5 " cheese,	1 00
125 " butter,—	50 00
50 lbs. candles,	7 50
175 gallons molasses,	84 00
10 " sperm oil,	22 50
3 " lard oil,	3 75
1 " neats foot oil,	1 60
25 " kerosene,	5 25
92 pounds tobacco,	50 60
1025 pounds soap stock,	66 62
1 sack butter salt,	2 00
96 barrels white clover flour. . . .	672 00
6 1-2 " Pillsbury's "	63 37
255 pounds lard,	45 90
75 " family salt fish,	5 25
23 " family bristol brick,	1 15

15 bottles blueing,	1 20	
1 sack rock salt,	70	
2 sacks C. F. salt,	2 80	\$1,036 19

\$3,872 05

Household furniture, beds, bedding, crockery, glass, tin, iron, wood and hardware, clothing, boots, shoes, hats and caps, wagon, sleighs, harnesses, farming tools, steam fittings, &c., &c., as per in- voice book in possession of the clerk,	\$11,047 61
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Total amount of personal property at county farm, Wilton	\$21,574 16
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COUNTY FARM RECEIPTS.

*For articles sold from the Farm, and the amount paid into the
County Treasury.*

For board of paupers from towns,	\$1,374 73
stock,	1,002 09
grain,	341 15
costs,	312 74
steam pump,	115 00
hemlock bark,	115 00
produce,	77 19
lumber,	74 65
labor,	67 00
hides,	62 33
old iron and rags,	54 06
cash,	45 64
barrels,	40 50
cider,	32 00
lead pipe,	23 59
butter,	21 30
clothing,	12 32
heads and feet.	3 00
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COUNTY FARM EXPENDITURES.

From May to September 1875.

Paid Henry Stearns, flour, meal &c,	502 50
S. H Dunbar, meats,	375 65
George W. Harris, boots and shoes,	295 45
C. F. & G. S. Peavey, salt beef,	254 85

Francis Whiting, meat, grain, &c	247 73
Marcus A. Wilson, hay and grass,	190 00
Allen & Woodworth, groceries,	144 86
Neville & Proctor, W. I. goods, &c.,	124 19
Barr & Co., hardware, &c.,	113 02
Frank P. Gregg, mowing machine,	100 00
G. G. Bumpus, car fare, expense &c.,	50 77
Wm B. Hunkins and wife, labor,	160 72
D. Charles Chase, labor,	120 00
James H. Hunkins, labor,	120 00
George E. Pierce, labor,	120 00
Edward R. Hunkins, watchman,	123 00
Carrie W. Reed, labor,	52 72
Susan P. Hunkins, teacher,	40 72
J. Fleeman, M. D., services,	66 66
Daniel Hanniford, labor,	44 00
Nashua cement pipe works, pipe,	98 18
Transportation, freight, &c.,	89 16
Crawford & Anderson, dry goods,	83 51
Clement Heald, grass,	75 50
Brown, Seavey & Co., fresh fish,	68 10
George F. Baker, blacksmithing,	66 11
H. T. Frye, hay,	46 38
T. H. Dillon, coffee,	46 00
Rodney A. Killam, grass,	44 50
Wm. K. Baldwin, boots, shoes &c.,	41 38
A. E. Jaques, dry goods &c.,	40 59
E. Wickerson & Co., salt fish,	39 75
A. W. Snow, peas, &c.,	32 87
A. B. Flint, carpenter work,	52 50
C. M. Batchelder, grain,	33 02
N. D. Foster, tin ware, &c.,	30 88
H. J. Chapman, blouses,	30 00
James Garvin, labor,	30 00
A. O. Barker, slabs,	30 00
Wm. E. Rideout, coffins,	24 50
Osgood & McCain, labor,	24 00
Morrill & Co., express,	22 00
James F. Farwell, labor,	22 00
R. D. Blinn, pigs,	18 00
Lewis Tingley, repairing harnesses, &c.,	15 50
R. H. Wilder, crackers,	15 00
H. N. Gray, blacksmithing,	14 58
Edward Lynch, horse baiting,	12 75
J. Langdell, horse hire,	12 75
S. K. Foster, tin ware, &c.,	11 70
P. Hartshorn, shoemaking,	11 46
Verder & Co., seeds, &c.	9 50

Wm. J. Bradbury, papers, medicine, &c.,	9 13
Wm. P. Dunklee, ploughs, &c.,	8 55
H. A. Holt, 1 pr. shafts and labor,	7 25
Francis Baker, salt,	7 00
R. G. Chase & Co., fruit trees,	7 00
W. C. Ingalls, varnishing wagon,	7 00
John Bragg, labor and beans,	6 75
H. F. Richmond, surveying.	6 00
Tarbell & Sewall, Groceries,	4 88
D. H. Barr, mowing machine knives,	4 20
C. C. Shaw, cabbage plants	4 00
P. Smithwick, boots and shoes	4 00
J. E. Frye, wire clothes lines,	3 87
C. B. Burt, blacksmithing,	3 08
N. W. Tarbell, expense,	3 00
Woodward & Dyke, bits,	1 50
J. Q. Flint, labor,	1 50

To May Term 1875.

Paid Allen & Woodworth, groceries,	\$290 34
S. H. Dunbar, meats,	277 24
Crawford & Anderson, dry goods,	240 02
Francis Whiting, oxen, straw, etc.,	239 97
Amoskeag Manf. Co., dry goods,	219 44
Town of Wilton, taxes,	214 08
D. Whiting & Sons, meal,	201 55
C. F. & G. S. Peavey, 1 pr. cattle,	200 00
Henry Stearns, flour, seed, &c.,	143 61
Wm. K. Baldwin, boots, clothing &c.,	139 16
Tarbell & Sewall, super phosphate, &c.,	126 87
George G. Bumpus, car fare, exp., &c.,	59 69
William B. Hunkins and wife, labor,	171 43
D. Charles Chase, labor,	120 00
George W. Kimball, labor,	80 22
Edward R. Hunkins, watchman,	61 00
Edward F. Frye, watchman,	59 00
Carrie W. Reed, labor,	45 43
Susan P. Hunkins, teacher,	51 43
George E. Peirce, labor,	30 00
J. Fleeman, M. D., services,	66 66
George F. Barker, blacksmithing,	59 26
Brown, Seavey & Co., fish,	96 95
H. Hopkins, sawing lumber, &c.,	71 13
A. M. Aldrich & Co., beans,	61 88
George W. Harris, boots, shoes, &c.,	56 60
N. D. Foster, tin ware, oil, &c.,	54 25

N. A. Childs, bull,	50 00
A. French & Co., crockery.	44 75
A. E. Jaques, dry goods, &c.,	36 25
Transportation, freights, &c.,	34 71
Barr & Co., hardware,	32 55
S. D. Chandler, flour,	31 25
A. W. Snow, peas,	28 88
J. A. Devereaux & Co., steam valve, &c.,	23 59
John Bragg, labor, &c.,	20 50
Rev. S. S. Lincoln, chaplain,	20 00
William E. Rideout, coffins,	18 50
R. H. Wilder, crackers,	18 25
H. J. Chapman, caps,	18 00
H. Wright, beef,	17 60
Neville & Proctor, hardware, &c.,	14 14
Edward Lynch, horse baiting,	13 25
Edward Kidder, shoemaking,	25 08
Daniel Hanniford, labor,	11 00
William J. Bradbury, newspapers, &c	7 80
S. K. Foster, tin ware, &c.,	5 22
H. N. Gray, blacksmithing,	5 92
Weeks & Potter, insect powder, &c.,	5 15
A. Walker & Co., lard oil,	5 00
Moore & Langley, Telegraph,	5 00
C. F. George, M. D., liniment,	4 60
Tarbell & Bailey, services, &c.,	4 00
A. E. Wallace, sweet oil,	2 50
C. W. Edwards, services,	2 00
Lewis Tingley, harness making,	8 50
J. Langdell, horse hire,	1 00

To January Term, 1876.

Paid Henry Stearns, flour, grain, &c.,	\$1448 12
C. F. & G. S. Peavey, salt and fresh meats,	594 13
D. Whiting & Sons, grain and lumber,	475 46
S. H. Dunbar, meats,	441 27
Allen & Woodworth, groceries,	387 85
James Scott, beef and cattle,	311 68
Henry L. Emerson, carpenter work,	263 80
Crawford & Anderson, dry goods,	151 35
Tucker Mant. Co., iron bedsteads,	240 00
Batchelder & Eaton, concreting,	229 30
W. K. Baldwin, clothing and groceries,	169 37
Melendy Bros., lumber,	159 16
H. N. Gray, 1 carriage and smith work,	141 81
Neville & Proctor, hardware, cement, &c.,	140 96

Bedding & Batting Co., comforters,	126 00
Transportation,	106 61
G. G. Bumpus, car fare, exp., &c.,	58 88
William B. Hunkins and wife, labor,	172 29
D. C. Chase, labor,	120 00
James H. Hunkins, labor,	120 00
George E. Peirce, labor,	120 00
Edward R. Hunkins, watchman,	122 00
Susan P. Hunkins, teacher,	52 29
Susan K. Webber, labor,	46 29
J. Fleeman, M. D., med. services,	66 66
H. J. Chapman, clothing and mittens,	80 00
Brown, Seavy & Co., fresh fish,	77 80
N. D. Foster, tin ware, &c.,	69 98
E. Nickerson & Co., salt fish,	66 00
Howard & Copp, furniture,	58 30
J. A. Devereaux & Co., pipe, fittings, &c.,	54 94
S. D. Chandler, flour,	54 00
Tarbell & Small, groceries &c.,	53 27
A. E. Jaques, dry goods, stationery,	50 00
George F. Barker, blacksmithing,	45 17
Nathan Barker, threshing and grinding,	48 89
Barr & Co., hardware, &c.,	46 78
S. K. Foster, tin ware, labor, &c.,	45 01
William Burton, beef,	40 40
H. Hopkins, sawing, &c.,	36 37
J. & C. Heselton, mason work,	87 25
A. Frye, use of pasture,	35 00
Wm. Rideout, coffins,	32 25
Wotten, Marden & Co., brooms and pails,	31 50
Putnam Hartshorn, shoemaking,	31 47
A. W. Snow, beans,	30 70
Louis Bellon, fresh beef,	28 70
Leon Patrick, fresh beef,	24 99
John D. Wilson, fresh beef,	21 58
Thomas B. Vose, salt,	20 00
R. H. Wilder, crackers,	18 75
Runnells & Chase, gloves and mittens,	17 77
L. Tingley, harness making,	17 20
C. M. Batchelder, wood,	15 00
Geo. W. Harris, boots and shoes,	12 70
Wm. C. Dunklee, plough castings,	10 35
A. O. Barker, lumber,	8 86
Reed & Jackman, carpet,	7 60
J. W. Stiles, lumber,	7 56
C. W. Reed, labor,	6 43
A. A. Ramsey, cement,	5 50
Baker & Burgess, lard oil,	5 00

George A. Tarbell, services,	. . . . .	2 00
G. G. Bumpus, wood lot,	. . . . .	300 60
Morrill & Co., express,	. . . . .	55 25
John S. Williams, butchering,	. . . . .	15 00
Edwin Lynch, horse baiting,	13 75
W. P. Putnam, smith work,	3 36
J. Langdell, horse hire,	14 50
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		\$17,465 41

NEW BUILDING ACCOUNT.

September Term, 1875.

Paid Melendy Bros., lumber,	\$432 34
Henry L. Emerson, labor,	. . . . .	127 68
James A. Devereaux, pipe, fittings, &c.,	. . . . .	121 24
J. & C. Heselton, mason work,	75 00
D. Whiting & Son, lumber,	24 24
Charles H. Nutt,	12 64
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		\$793 14

To January Term, 1876.

Paid Henry L. Emerson, carpenter work,	\$360 50
County Commissioners, old building,	325 00
Barr & Co., hardware, &c.,	. . . . .	211 80
J. A. Devereaux, & Co., pipe, fittings, &c.,	. . . . .	151 30
Kidder & Sumner, painting,	. . . . .	118 09
J. L. Chamberlain, brick,	. . . . .	39 31
J. & C. Heselton, mason work,	36 00
A. Buttrick, sawing,	21 78
Gregg & Son, doors,	12 90
Melendy Bros., lumber,	2 97
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		\$19,537 69

There was expended during the year 1875, at the Hillsborough County Farm, the following amount for improvements, and is included in County Farm Expenditures,

For lumber and labor on Pest House,	\$200 00
Repairing shed and shop, putting in new sills, timbers, new vault, building chimney, setting kettle, laying floors with plank and finishing room for kitchen,	300 00

For building awning and repairs on the men's

Insane house,	60 00	
Concrete walks,	229 30	
Repairs on steam pipe,	75 00	— \$864 30

NEW INSANE HOUSE.

For 30 new iron bedsteads,	240 00	
30 straw ticks,	60 00	
90 sheets,	45 00	
30 pillows and slips,	37 50	
60 comforters,	90 00	
Chairs and stools,	15 00	
3 tables,	10 00	
2 iron sinks,	5 00	
Tin ware and dishes,	10 00	— \$512 50
		<u>\$1376 80</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Cash paid for all expenses at the County farm by the County Treasurer,	\$19,537 69	
Estimated interest on real estate at cost, (\$27,675 00)	1,660 50	
	<u>\$21,198 19</u>	
Inventory, January 1876,	21,574 16	
Inventory, January 1875,	20,285 51	
	<u>\$1,288 65</u>	
Increase of inventory,	\$1,288 65	
Produce and stock sold, including board of paupers for towns, costs, labor, &c	3,774 29	
Paid into County Treasury,	<u>5,062 94</u>	
Balance against the farm,	\$16,135 25	

There is included in the \$16,135 25, \$2,072.28 for building new Female Insane Ward, \$864.30 for repairs on pest house, shed, concrete walks and steam pipe, \$512.50 for furniture &c. for Female Insane Ward,—Total \$3,449.08.

Number of weeks' board furnished to inmates (not including hired help,) for the year ending Dec. 31, 1875, is 8170,—dividing that number into \$16,135.25, the amount paid from the County Treasury,—cost of board will average about \$1.97 1-2 per week. Taking the amount, \$16,135.25, deduct for new Female Insane Ward, repairs, and furniture, \$3,449.08, will leave a balance of \$12,685.17, dividing that amount by 8170 weeks, will give a cost about 1.55 1-4 per week.

The following statement shows the amount expended for the support of county paupers each year, at the farm, and off the farm, commencing the year 1864, exclusive of all sums paid for buildings and other permanent improvements, but including interest on real estate :

	Average weekly number at farm.	Amount paid for paupers at farm.	Amount paid for paupers off farm.	Total.
Paid in 1864. . . .	138 2-13	\$9,455 53	\$4,606 32	\$14,061 85
" 1865. . . .	133 1-2	10,662 64	4,253 49	14,916 13
" 1866. . . .	129 1-2	10,419 75	4,118 68	14,538 43
" 1867. . . .	91 1-2	9,827 40	4,408 88	14,236 26
" 1868. . . .	96	11,122 89	4,817 97	14,940 86
" 1869. . . .	115 1-2	11,804 18	4,463 80	16,267 98
" 1870. . . .	107 1-7	8,627 43	4,657 76	13,285 19
" 1871. . . .	111.	9,333 49	4,922 16	14,255 65
" 1872. . . .	118	9,287 80	5,791 52	15,079 32
" 1873. . . .	133 38-52	12,651 62	7,578 00	20,229 62
" 1874. . . .	160	12,664 58	9,505 80	22,170 38
" 1875. . . .	157	12,686 17	12,235 48	24,921 65

June session 1875, a law was passed abolishing all town settlements gained prior to the year 1860, and has relieved the towns from the support of some 150 persons, which have become a county charge, and accounts for the large increase of support paid for paupers off the farm.

EXPENSE OF COUNTY PAUPERS NOT AT THE FARM, FOR FOURTEEN YEARS, ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1875.

TOWNS.	1862.	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.
Amherst...	\$307 52	\$44 22	\$183 51	\$106 25	\$217 73	\$67 20	\$94 25	\$131 00	\$20 00	\$72 75	\$133 14	\$125 00	\$68 00	\$180 00
Antrim...	121 27	79 40	118 78	37 13	46 25	18 02	45 14	89 05	55 75	104 30	47 00	34 50	133 39	212 10
Bedford...	154 91	157 35	118 20	30 50	36 36	18 02	94 80	17 00	3 00	7 50	15 00	8 50	34 00	96 00
Bennington...	60 92	100 50	125 00	158 65	156 38	39 75	24 87	89 68			17 89	272 97	265 50	78 75
Brookline...			34 80		66 56	13 00	13 00							239 19
Deering...	164 50	290 16	205 62	92 75	109 77	111 90	94 00	151 70	104 07	57 00	111 92	88 50	147 00	297 49
Franklin...	184 59	199 24	54 20	128 37	145 75	297 25	61 76	65 92	90 03	87 41	93 52	133 85	220 52	553 81
Goddard...	252 42	194 32	102 62	87 78	112 12	163 90	85 00	249 80	250 58	131 00	123 90	258 92	242 75	373 04
Greenfield...	313 33	140 05	68 47	176 87	256 51	356 41	231 81	149 00	161 75	154 75	256 35	206 25	51 35	60 13
Greenville...												20 00		32 81
Hancock...	188 88	61 00	39 25	52 00	52 00	99 76	108 33	292 11	167 75	237 32	173 50	243 33	156 00	202 00
Hillsborough...	244 10	185 26	66 50	82 00	108 35	44 32	100 73	192 18	177 63	19 12	151 80	78 00	231 06	202 50
Hollis...	33 12	13 00	33 67	8 50	2 00	26 50	23 84	39 62	8 00	4 00	19 25	41 08	126 85	30 50
Hudson...	175 78	88 30	18 00	15 00	5 00	27 75	13 50	76 52	33 82	166 00	27 00	124 92	100 75	178 45
Lyndeborough...	148 26	113 00	33 00	9 00	12 00	55 82	59 14	119 50	131 20	244 60	317 29	97 20	171 50	134 83
Litchfield...		16 50	6		7 00			102 50	53 78	58 38	51 86	35 00		
Manchester...	2,577 75	1,806 09	2,166 63	1,555 64	1,147 97	1,219 24	968 28	1,094 00	1,624 00	2,038 74	2,313 97	3,015 35	3,982 77	4,469 00
Mason...	143 18	170 99		175 02	336 25	130 63	87 78	129 89	81 35	63 00	135 79	92 12	109 37	149 97
Merrimack...	575 51	86 49	53 85	20 00	33 59	35 50	89 39	41 36	91 05	33 38	41 58	189 24	185 71	472 03
Mont Vernon...	201 34	79 80	41 37	26 00	26 05	8 50	86 80	40 25	59 40	67 50	67 50	34 74		58 00
Milford...	430 52	149 75	41 45	108 00	124 30	55 25	90 45	193 61	181 92	39 18	100 33	467 80	352 83	302 15
Nashua...	1,683 51	1,231 28	870 27	705 39	473 23	678 00	608 30	463 77	463 84	642 65	947 55	1,055 00	1,805 88	2,110 36
New Boston...	156 19	93 16	89 86	300 00	66 47	106 06	189 76	99 65	21 75	20 61	33 00	42 25	119 44	313 10
New Ipswich...	706 10	566 44	43 30	57 15	165 81	396 40	50 83	20 00	13 73	70 11	78 80	77 00	80 53	152 00
Pelham...	108 72	20 00		35 50	42 42	78 01	24 70	11 50	425 11	9 50	19 37	77 90	219 12	46 50
Peterborough...	448 30	182 04	37 75	54 65	149 73	161 20	151 35	212 90	425 11	458 32	150 30	209 02	48 21	244 46
Sharon...	3 32	8 78		4 48					9 00	5 00		13 75		3 00
Temple...							24 28	152 14	52 00	53 00	72 00	51 00	68 50	
Wilton...	61 00	80 79	61 05	145 94	52 99	99 39	2 50	99 39	2 50		58 78	154 75	64 50	101 50
Windsor...					47 50							10 13		24 75
Ware...	166 75	167 99	211 21	172 80	173 36	266 95	386 81	133 85	336 66	94 01	238 03	330 42	420 27	888 00
	\$80,125 86	\$6,283 92	\$4,606 32	\$4,253 49	\$4,118 68	\$4,408 86	\$3,817 97	\$6,446 80	\$4,637 76	\$4,922 16	\$5,791 52	\$6,155 80	\$9,505 90	\$12,235 48
														\$12,235 48
														12,686 17
														24,921 65

For support of paupers in towns and cities.

For support of paupers at almshouse.

Total amount paid for supporting paupers in 1875.

AMOUNT OF PRODUCE RAISED AT THE HILLSBORO' COUNTY FARM IN 1875.

English hay,	. . . . .	52 1-2 tons.
Run hay,	. . . . .	7 1-2 "
Second crop,	. . . . .	4 "
Barley and oat fodder,	. . . . .	20 3-4 "
Barley Straw,	. . . . .	15 "
Corn Fodder,	. . . . .	20 "
Corn,	. . . . .	287 1-2 bushels.
Potatoes,	. . . . .	2272 "
Beets,	. . . . .	40 "
Carrots,	. . . . .	39 "
Parsnips,	. . . . .	20 "
Apples,	. . . . .	200 "
Beans,	. . . . .	41 "
Sweet Corn,	. . . . .	13 "
Tomatoes,	. . . . .	10 "
Hog Corn,	. . . . .	200 baskets.
Pork,	. . . . .	6122 pounds.
Beef,	. . . . .	3449 "
Lard	. . . . .	300 "
Tallow,	. . . . .	167 "
Barley,	. . . . .	270 "
Butter,	. . . . .	2600 "
Poultry,	. . . . .	224 "
Cabbages,	. . . . .	1800 heads.

STATISTICS OF INMATES OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY ALMSHOUSE.

Number in Almshouse, January 1, 1875,	. . . . .	150
Admitted during the year,	. . . . .	206
Discharged " "	. . . . .	171
Supported and partly supported,	. . . . .	356
Births,	. . . . .	4
Deaths,	. . . . .	13
Weekly average,	. . . . .	157
No. in almshouse January 1, 1876,	. . . . .	195
Children provided with homes,	. . . . .	4

NATIONALITIES.

Of the two hundred and six admitted during the year 1875, there were :

Americans,	. . . . .	89
Irish,	. . . . .	89
French,	. . . . .	10
English,	. . . . .	11
Colored,	. . . . .	3

Scotch,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Belgian,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Nova Scotia.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Total, 206

Of the two hundred and six admitted during the year 1875, there were from :

Manchester,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	73
Nashua,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	50
Transient,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Peterborough,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Goffstown,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Milford,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
New Boston,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Hollis	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Hancock,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Merrimack,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Born at the farm,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Antrim,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Wilton,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
New Ipswich,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Greenville,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Greenfield,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Mont Vernon,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Lyndeboro'	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Brookline,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Sharon,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Mason,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Hillsboro'	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Amherst,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Jaffrey,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Windsor,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Hudson,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Total, 206

Number at Almshouse January 1st, 1876, 5 years old and under,

Number between 5 and 10 years,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
" " 10 " 20 "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
" " 20 " 30 "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
" " 30 " 40 "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	31
" " 40 " 50 "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	30
" " 50 " 60 "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	31
" " 60 " 70 "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
" " 70 " 80 "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
" " 80 " 90 "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
" " 90 " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8

Total 195

INSANE AND IDIOTIC.

Insane and partially insane,	60
Idiotic,	19
Total,	<hr/> 79

WHOLE NUMBER OF INMATES.

Males,	101
Females,	94
Total,	<hr/> 195

Of the whole number in the house, January 1, 1876, forty-eight males and forty-three females are not available for any kind of labor.

Of the one hundred and ninety-five remaining at the County Farm, January 1st, 1876, there were from

Manchester,	73
Nashua,	36
Antrim,	6
Peterboro',	10
Goffstown,	8
New Ipswich,	5
Hollis,	5
Unknown	4
Greenfield,	4
New Boston,	4
Milford,	4
Hillsboro',	3
Hancock,	3
Wilton,	3
Lyndeboro',	3
Born at Farm,	3
Mason,	3
Brookline	2
Weare,	2
Merrimack,	2
Transient,	2
Amherst	2
Bedford,	1
Mt. Vernon,	1
Greenville,	1
Litchfield,	1
Deering,	1
Sharon,	1
Jaffrey,	1
Hudson,	1
Total,	<hr/> 195

Of the one hundred and ninety-five persons remaining January 1, 1876, there were taken as boarders from towns, from

Goffstown,	5
Antrim,	1
Litchfield,	1
Milford,	1
Total,	8

Of the ninety-three sentenced to the County House of Correction in 1875, there were from

Manchester,	42
Nashua,	31
Milford,	5
Peterborough,	4
New Boston,	3
Greenville,	2
Merrimack,	2
Wilton,	1
Hancock,	1
Brookline,	1
Goffstown,	1
Total,	93

Of the ninety-three sentenced to the County House of Correction in 1875, there were

Americans,	36
Irish,	44
English,	5
French,	4
Scotch,	2
Colored,	1
Belgian,	1
Total,	93

Of the thirty-five remaining at the County House of Correction January 1, 1876, there were from

Manchester,	22
Nashua,	11
Milford,	1
Goffstown,	1
Total,	35

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

TO THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to present to you my fourth annual report of the sanitary condition of the Hillsborough County Almshouse.

The whole number cared for has been 201. In consequence of the late law passed by this state, relative to the support of paupers, the number has been much increased, and many of them are those of advanced age and very infirm, and some in the last stages of disease. Although the number has been quite large no prevailing disease has invaded the institution. With prompt attention to the sick and the cleanliness in which the institution is always kept in all its various apartments, and the kindness and unwearied attention of the Superintendent and Matron, the health of the inmates has been quite good. The health of the insane inmates and their condition has been very comfortable through the past year. The addition of the new building which has been erected the past year has done much to make the condition of this unfortunate class better. To the Superintendent and Matron of the institution I return my sincere thanks for their kind attention to the sick which have been under my charge. To the Commissioners I commend much for the interest and zeal they always manifest for the good of the institution. There has been fourteen deaths and four births during the past year. (See table below.)

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. FLEEMAN, Physician

DEATHS.

Names.	Age.	Time of Death.	Disease.
Edward Kenney.	20 yrs	Feb. 20, 1875.	Dropsy.
Peggy Aiken.	90 "	Apr. 7, "	Old age.
Mary A. Tucker.	33 "	June 14, "	Consumption.
Mary O'Neil.	32 "	" 26, "	Consumption.
Nabby Little.	83 "	Sept. 7, "	Urinary disease.
Nancy Heald.	70 "	Aug. 24, "	Consumption.
Maria Annis.	26 "	Sept. 26, "	Cancer.
James Williams.	38 "	" 27, "	Insanity
William Gibson.	87 "	Oct. 2, "	Old age.
Child of Mary O'Neil.	7 mos.	" 5, "	Infantile.
Hattie Vincent.	43 yrs.	Nov. 4, "	Consumption.
John E. Smith.	50 "	" 8, "	Insanity.
Maria Butler.	46 "	" 16, "	Consumption.

Number of births, 4.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

TO THE HON. COMMISSIONERS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY :

Gentlemen: I have the honor to report that my duty as Chaplain at the County Farm I have endeavored faithfully to perform. At my request the Rev. Wm. Libby preached one Sunday. I have preached once a month the rest of the year, with one exception, occasioned by intense cold. The customary religious services have been well attended by the officers, their assistants, the inmates and others. As formerly, my choir of singers have been present and rendered interesting service. Mr. J. Hutchinson, with kindred spirits, were present one Sunday and entertained the audience with their sweet and thrilling music. I have officiated at all funerals, when requested. I am happy to be able to say that I have some evidence that my religious services have been duly appreciated and the Christian truths which I have uttered have found a fitting place in the hearts of some of my numerous hearers. And so far as my many opportunities have enabled me to judge, I should think the interests of the institution in their various departments have been well cared for by the several officials.

Respectfully submitted,

I. S. LINCOLN, Chaplain.

Wilton, Jan. 1st, 1876.

JAILOR'S REPORT.

TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH.

Number of prisoners in jail, Dec 31st, 1874, . . .	67
Committed during the year 1875	154
Total,	221
Discharged	154
Leaving in jail, Dec. 31st, 1875,	67
Weekly average of prisoners from Dec. 31, 1874, to Dec 31, 1875,	42.5
Fines and costs collected during the year.	\$836 82
Received for labor of prisoners.	27 00
Total,	\$863 82
All of which is respectfully submitted,	
NATHAN H. PIERCE, Jailer	

JAIL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY TERM 1876.

May Term, 1875.

Paid N. H. Pierce, board of prisoners,	\$1,587 58
“ “ bill for clothing,	135 75
“ “ painting and repairs on jail,	63 24
“ “ turnkeys and conveying prisoners,	123 25
John Q. A. Sargent,	21 99
Manchester Gas Light Co.,	12 25
Dr. R. J. P. Goodwin,	7 50
Dr. H. C. Canney,	7 50
Nichols & Hubbard, for work Jan. 29, 1874,	2 20
A. G. Fairbanks, clothing in 1874,	100 00
N. H. Pierce, conveying prisoners,	85 25
“ “ wood, cleaning vaults, watches &c.,	31 00

September Term 1875.

Paid N. H. Pierce, board of prisoners,	2,147 36
W. E. Sargent and others, cleaning vaults, drain-pipe and gas bill,	19 21
H. C. Canney, physician at jail,	15 00
N. H. Pierce, repairs at jail,	120 55
“ “ conveying prisoners,	213 75
“ “ clothing at jail,	125 95

January Term 1876.

Paid E. G. Haines, repairs on jail,	41 79
N. H. Pierce, board of prisoners,	2,424 46
“ “ clothing,	100 25
Dr. H. C. Canney, \$15 and gas bill \$9.72,	24 72
B. F. Fogg and others, repairs at jail,	70 47
Pike & Heald, water works, jail,	86 86
Dickey & Young, coal for jail,	158 00
R. P. Johnson & Co, coal for jail,	150 00
N. H. Pierce, repairs of jail,	43 81
“ “ conveying prisoners,	42 25
“ “ Major trial,	41 50
Total,	<hr/> \$8003 44

JAIL EXTENSION.

Paid George W Stevens, Architect,	\$140 00
Head & Dowst, bill Jan. 7th,	4412 72
A. Bodwell, stone work,	847 43
Head & Dowst, Fitzgerald bill,	13 25
A. H. Lowell, iron work,	248 56
Ward & Bond, stone work,	56 25
Campbell & Hanscom, printing,	9 00
John B. Varick, hardware,	31 00
Caswell & Stebbins, fitting up inside, plumbing, &c., per contract. . . .	453 00
Total,	<hr/> \$6211 21

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

May Term, 1875.

Paid E. P. Brown for committing prisoners,	\$40 00
Daniel Goodwin, costs and fees,	17 13
D. H. Prescott, for committing,	36 00
T. G. Winch, for committing,	10 00
Geo. Holbrook, labor and lumber,	6 00
C. H. Burns, costs in Dillon case,	12 27
Mary M. Morse,	14 00
R. H. Spaulding, costs and fees,	21 57
John Hadlock, including S. S. Stickney, Justice,	34 24

September Term, 1875.

Paid T. B. Crowley, Probate Office,	\$12 24
Reed P. Whittemore, conveying to county farm,	21 00
D. R. Prescott, for conveyance of prisoners,	150 00
James Taft, for conveyance to house of correction,	6 66
Henry Ames, fees, State v. Dillon,	12 91
W. A. Preston, fees as coroner,	11 00
T. M. Shattuck, sealer of weights and measures,	10 00
Thos. G. Banks, conveyance of prisoners,	56 50
W. E. Moore and Campbell & Hanscom, for printing County Bonds, &c,	79 50
H. B. Spalding, cost State, Thos. Ingalls, Balcom, Farmer & O'Toole,	34 78
M. R. Burnham, costs, Holland and others,	29 08
Albert Sawyer, cost, Greenleaf and others,	26 26
John Gregg, conveying Miss Wallace to county farm,	8 30
A. G. Fairbanks, taking down shop, per agreem't,	70 00

January Term, 1876.

Paid B. B. Whittemore, coroner, Eager and others,	\$23 42
Thos. G. Banks, conveying to county farm,	86 00
D. R. Prescott, conveying to county farm,	108 00
W. W. Johnson, costs committing Ledoux to Reform School,	17 74
Jacob F. James, coroner, Buchanan, Conner and Spear case,	18 00
J. R. Bartlett, 1-2 fine collected of Luther Cheney,	25 00
N. H. Wilson, cost N. M. Yeaw to county farm	16 27
Wm. Barrett, before coroner's inquest, R. N. Wallingford,	23 67
Mary Heath, bill,	25 00
Total,	\$1,062 54

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

May Term, 1875.

Paid Wm. W. Johnson,	\$165 28
George W. Riddle,	302 35
John Gregg,	126 12

September Term, 1875.

Paid Wm. W. Johnson,	56 50
Hiram T. Morrill,	143 20
John Gregg,	204 62
George W. Riddle,	299 25

January Term, 1876.

Paid George W. Riddle,	280 75
" John Gregg,	193 55
" Hiram T. Morrill,	165 55
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	\$1937 17

SHERIFF'S SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

May Term, 1875.

Paid Thomas P. Pierce for 5 days attending court as Sheriff,	\$15 00
" " for 12 miles travel attending court,	1 44
" " for 9 days H. B. Spalding as D. Sheriff, (2.50)	22 50
" " for 12 miles travel attending court,	1 44
" " for 9 days John Hadlock as D. Sheriff,	22 50
" " for 3 miles travel attending court,	36
" " for 8 days E. R. Burt as D. Sheriff,	20 00
" " for cash paid clergyman,	1 00
" " for 12 days N. H. George as Messenger,	24 00
" " for ringing the bell for the court,	4 50
" " for committing one prisoner to State Prison,	10 00
" " for one copy of committal,	2 00
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Total,	\$124 74

September Term, 1875.

Paid Thomas P. Pierce, for 34 days attendance as Sheriff, (3.00)	\$102 00
" " for 38 days attendance H. B. Spalding D. Sheriff, (2.50)	95 00
" " for 34 days attendance E. P. Brown, D. Sheriff, (2.50)	85 00
" " for 40 days attendance R. A. Arnold, D. Sheriff, (2.50)	100 00
" " for cash paid Rev. Mr. Alvord,	1 00

Paid Thomas P. Pierce	for cash paid Geo. E. Boutelle	
	for meals,	4 50
"	" for 43 days Mr. Barney as	
	Messenger,	86 00
"	" for committing 7 persons to	
	State Prison,	70 00
"	" 7 copies of committals, . .	14 00
"	" for cash paid George E. Hast-	
	ings for meals,	15 65
"	" for cash paid Peasley &	
	McClary,	12 75
"	" for cash paid to Gilman Scrip-	
	ture for meals,	24 75
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		\$610 65

Nashua, December 24, 1875 — The adjourned term for the trial of Elwin W. Major.

Paid Thomas P. Pierce	for 11 days attendance as	
	Sheriff, (3.00)	33 00
"	" for 12 days attendance H. B.	
	Spalding, (2 50)	30 00
"	" for 11 days attendance R. A.	
	Arnold, (2 50)	27 50
"	" for 11 days attendance E. P.	
	Brown, (2.50)	27 50
"	" for 12 days attendance Mr.	
	Barney as Messenger,	24 00
"	" bill paid Peasley & McClary,	9 75
"	" for bill paid ex. police, . .	17 50
"	" for comitting one person to	
	State Prison,	10 00
"	" for one copy of committal, .	2 00
"	" for bill paid G. E. Hastings,	18 05
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		\$199 30

January Term, 1876.

Paid Thomas P. Pierce	for travel in attending court,	2 16
"	" for 10 days attendance as	
	Sheriff, (3.00)	30 00
"	" for cash paid Rev. Mr. Powers	1 00
"	" for committing two persons	
	to Insane Asylum,	20 00
"	" for 2 copies of committals, .	4 00
"	" for 33 days attending court,	
	D. L. Stevens, (2.50)	82 50

Paid Thomas P. Pierce	for 26 days attending court, J. L. Kennedy, (2.50)	65 00
"	" for 20 days attending court, N. H. Wilson, (2.50)	50 00
"	" for 26 days attending court, D. F. Healy, (2.50)	65 00
"	" for James S. Brown as Mes- senger,	66 00
"	" for bill paid for ringing bell,	3 00
"	" for committing 13 persons to State Prison,	130 00
"	" for 13 copies of committals,	26 00
"	" for bill paid E. J. Freeman for furnishing meals to jurors by order of the court,	10 00
"	" for bill paid D. B. Emerson & Son, for meals to jurors by order of court,	41 00
		<hr/> 595 66
Total,		<hr/> \$1530 35

STATIONERY AND BINDING.

May Term, 1875.

Paid D. W. Lane	for Moore & Peasley,	10 00
T. B. Crowley,		19 23
Globe Printing Co., and Geo. H. Brigham,		37 00
G. F. Ramsdell, for Geo. F. King,		7 50
M. V. B. Greene, Register of Probate,		9 33
" " " coroner Whittemore,		19 97
" " " Clerk of Court,		70 97
Moore & Langley, Register of Deeds,		75 10
" " Court Blank Com'rs,		4 00
E. R. Coburn, Judge of Probate,		7 00
John B. Clarke, printing Com'rs Report,—1500,		80 00
S. M. Morse & Co., Register of Deeds,		3 45
" " Clerk of Court,		19 60

September Term, 1875.

B. B. & F. P. Whittemore, Clerk of Court,	21 50
" " " Register of Probate,	36 00
Moore & Langley, publishing,	34 50
M. V. B. Greene, coroner Whittemore,	15 97
" " " Register of Probate,	45 50
" " " Clerk of Court,	63 85

Paid Geo A. Ramsdell, Clerk of Superior Court,	26 00
Wm. H. Fisk, Registers and Commissioners,	39 11
S. M. Morse & Co., Register of Deeds and Clerk of Court,	33 60
R. T. Smith, Clerk of Court and Reg. of Probate,	25 95

January Term, 1876.

Paid B. B. & F. P. Whittemore,	16 75
S. M. Morse,	20 32
M. V. B. Greene,	142 87
Moore & Langley, printing and stationery,	84 05
Thomas H. Tuson, Tramps,	9 00
John B. Clarke, printing,	34 26
Total,	\$1,012 38

STATE REFORM SCHOOL.

May Term, 1875.

Paid John C. Ray, Supt. to April 30, 1875,	474 74
City of Manchester, from Oct. 31, 1874, to Jan: 30, 1875.	929 15

September Term, 1875.

Paid city of Nashua, up to July 31, 1875,	78 00
John C. Ray, to July 31, 1875,	186 58
City of Manchester, to April 30, 1875,	926 30
D. A. Simons, city of Manchester, to July 31, 1875,	977 73

January Term, 1876.

Paid town of Milford, C. H. Fisher at Reform School,	18 00
Town of Greenville, George Ledoux,	18 00
John C. Ray, to Oct. 31, 1875.	182 00
City of Manchester, to Oct. 31, 1875,	1,059 49
City of Nashua, Laura E. Nichols,	26 00
City of Manchester, Patsey Prinduble, from June 27, 1871, to April 30, 1875,	499 86
Town of Milford, Chas. Fisher, to Oct. 31, 1875,	26 00
State Reform School, sent by Court, to Oct. 31, 1875,	208 00
Total,	\$5,609 85

N. H. INSANE ASYLUM.

May Term, 1875.

Paid E. P. Brown, on account of Daniel Shea,	34 66
Dr. J. P. Bancroft,	400 84

September Term, 1875.

Paid city of Nashua, to July 31, 1875, . . .	22 17
Dr. J. P. Baneroft, to Aug. 31, 1875, . . .	335 88
J. P. Brown, T. E. Pillsbury, to Oct. 31, 1875, . . .	52 86

January Term, 1876.

Paid city of Manchester, Gray & Donnelly, . . .	50 00
Insane Asylum, to Dec. 31, 1875, . . .	506 33
Insane Asylum, H. T. Morrill, for Francis E. Pillsbury, to Jan 31, 1876.	27 20

Total,	<u>\$1,430 17</u>
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COURT HOUSE EXPENSES.

May Term, 1875.

Paid V. W. Fairbanks,	21 54
L. B. Bodwell & Co.,	23 67
N. H. George, wood,	3 50

September Term, 1875.

Paid A. Dinsmore, wood for court house,	1 50
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Total,	<u>\$50 21</u>
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COUNTY BUILDING.

September Term, 1875.

Paid Campbell & Marden, Probate, &c,	25 00
Wm. Weaver,	22 20
Pennichuck Water Works,	26 00
Dana W. King, gas and cleaning,	16 60
City of Nashua, for heating county building,	137 50

January Term, 1876.

Paid Dana W. King, book case,	6 62
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Total,	<u>\$233 92</u>
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COUNTY RECORDS.

September, 1875.

Paid Dana W. King, indexing,	52 00
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January Term, 1876

Paid Dana W. King, indexing,	161 25
Moore & Langley, alphabet,	14 00

<u>\$227 25</u>

INVENTORY

OF REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE COUNTY
OF HILLSBOROUGH, JANUARY 1, 1876.

County farm and buildings at Wilton (535 acres),	\$27,675 00
Personal property at the farm as per inventory,	21,574 16
Jail building and lot at Manchester,	41,000 00
Personal property at jail, viz:	
oil carpeting,	\$25 00
2 stoves and pipe,	25 00
1 cook stove and furniture,	75 00
coal stove and pipe,	60 00
1 stove,	30 00
2 tables,	4 00
14 wrist and leg shackles,	32 00
set of chains,	4 00
10 sets hand-cuffs, new,	45 00
	<hr/> \$300 00
	<hr/> \$90,549 16

CIRCUIT COURT.

REPORT OF THE CLERK FROM DATE OF LAST REPORT (FEB. 1,
1875,) TO JAN. 1, 1876.

I have received fines and costs:—

State vs. Hendrick,	\$33 14
" Gile,	50 22
" Angiee,	24 14
" Verder,	129 39
" Hurly,	13 80
" Doloff,	83 14
" Hayns,	30 00
" Warner,	89 52
" Kenniston,	40 85
" Stone,	40 85
" Lincoln,	11 50
Cash for 811 entry fees,	729 90
" 15 jury fees,	75 00
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Total,	\$1,351 45

I paid for postage, express, telegraphing,
for court and clerk's office and station-
ery for county,

	\$112 80
Paid for dockets for court and office,	61 50
Attending court 63 days,	207 00

I was allowed for recording judgments, making up dockets and other work performed by myself and assistant,	635 19	<u>\$1,016 49</u>
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Balance in my hands,	\$334 96
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This amount I have paid to the County Treasurer.

G. A. RAMSDELL, *Clerk Circuit Court.*

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT.

TO THE HONORABLE COURT AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
THE COUNTY.

The following is a statement of the financial condition of the
County for the year ending December 31, 1875, as it appears up-
on the books of the treasurer:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the treasury, January 1, 1875, . . .	\$3877 54
Received on note dated January 6, 1875, . . .	12000 00
of G. G. Bumpus for board, and for stock, and for produce sold, . . .	4043 83
on note dated January 8, 1875, . . .	3000 00
on note dated January 9, 1875, . . .	2,200 00
of G. A. Ramsdell for fines and costs . . .	851 25
of N. H. Pierce, jailor " " " . . .	938 98
of J. R. Miller, " " " . . .	50 00
of Daniel Goodwin " " " . . .	134 00
of G. A. Ramsdell for licences . . .	195 60
on note dated May 1, 1875 . . .	15,000 00
on note dated June 12, 1875, . . .	2,000 00
County tax,	50,000 00
on County bonds issued Sept., 1875, . . .	35,000 00
accrued interest on bonds,	68 16
pension of A. W. Fisk,	24 00
of Reuben Godfrey,	3 83
of George W. Riddle,	12 75
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	\$129,399 34

DISBURSEMENTS.

January Term.

Paid State pay roll,	\$1,363 61
jury pay roll,	1,039 36
pauper expense at County farm,	6,495 50
pauper expense off County farm,	4,407 52
jail expense,	2,855 69
salaries and pay of officers,	1,419 29
notes,	2,700 00
printing and stationery,	230 43
interest and coupons,	2,508 90
referee's fees,	320 74
miscellaneous,	696 73

May Term.

Paid State pay roll,	983 72
jury pay roll,	466 46
pauper expense at County farm,	4,318 87
pauper expense off County farm,	6,148 20
jail expense,	2,006 68
salaries and pay of officers,	1,433 99
printing and stationery,	336 42
interest and coupons,	1,207 50
referee's fees,	712 48
miscellaneous,	119 43

September Term.

Paid State pay roll,	2,683 93
jury pay roll,	3,582 92
pauper expense at County farm,	5,679 20
pauper expense off County farm,	5,791 14
jail expense,	2,428 07
salaries and pay of officers,	1,564 22
notes,	31,000 00
printing and stationery,	341 98
interest and coupons,	2,291 67
bonds,	20,000 00
referee's fees,	708 77
County buildings,	212 94
miscellaneous,	764 96

\$118,821 32

Balance in Treasury Dec. 31, 1875,

10,578 02

\$129,399 34

COUNTY DEBT.

Statement of the debt of the County, December 31, 1875, as appears from the books:

	Principal	Principal and interest.
Bonds, first issue,	\$20,000 00	\$20,000 00
Bonds, second issue,	20,000 00	20,000 00
Bonds, third issue,	35,000 00	35,000 00
Interest on bonds,		1,200 00
Note dated April 28, 1870,	2,000 00	2,217 75
“ May 11, 1870	400 00	442 60
“ April 20, 1871,	1,000 00	1,041 83
“ May 2, 1871,	1,500 00	1,558 91
“ January 20, 1872,	870 00	919 44
“ January 10, 1873,	2,000 00	2,117 00
“ January 9, 1874,	1,600 00	1,058 66
“ January 15, 1874,	1,500 00	1,681 90
“ January 27, 1874,	2,550 00	2,853 46
“ January 27, 1874,	2,550 00	2,853 46
“ February 25, 1874,	700 00	779 84
“ March 2, 1874,	8,576 50	9,543 57
“ March 2, 1874,	2,451 10	2,727 63
“ March 4, 1874,	1,500 00	1,500 00
“ May 9, 1874,	1,000 00	1,100 98
“ May 29, 1874,	1,000 00	1,035 33
“ January 8, 1875,	3,000 00	3,176 50
“ January 9, 1875,	2,200 00	2,200 00
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Balance in Treasury, December 31, 1875, .		\$115,008 86
		10,578 02
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		\$104,430 84
Total indebtedness, December 31, 1875, \$104,430 84		
“ “ “ “ 1874. 93,776 91		
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Increase of debt, 1875	\$10,653 93	

HENRY E. BURNHAM, *County Treasurer.*

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 31, 1875.

REPORT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

In compliance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, the County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, in the foregoing pages present a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the County for the year ending Dec. 31, 1875.

The number of inmates admitted at the County Almshouse in Wilton, during the past year, is 206; average weekly number, 157, costing about \$1.55 per week for their support.

Number at the Almshouse, January 1, 1876, 195.

Number of persons supported at the Reform School the past year, is 53, nearly one half of its inmates. Costing the County \$5,609.85.

Number of persons paid for at the N. H. Insane Asylum, is 10. Cost to the County, \$1,430.17. An increase over last year of \$492.53.

The whole number of persons committed to the County Jail was 154. Costing \$8,003.44. An increase over last year, \$1,421.78.

In Jail, January 1st, 1875,—67.

The Legislature passed at the last June Session, a law abolishing all town settlements, acquired prior to the year 1860. This change has increased the list of County paupers more than one hundred and fifty. Taking the burden from the cities and towns and adding it to the County. Consequently increasing the expenses of the County for their support. From our observation, we doubt the expediency of the change.

In the year 1872, the County Convention appropriated two thousand dollars and authorized the Commissioners to erect an additional Insane Ward at the County Farm for the use of the female insane. As there was no particular increase of this class at that immediate period, the Commissioners deemed it inexpedient to incur the expense. Since the change of the law in June, the increase has been so large—the main building full—necessity obliged the erection of the new ward. The wooden building formerly occupied as a work shop at the jail was taken down and removed to the farm. A suitable ward 30 by 36, two and a half stories in height, has been made from it, and is one of the most convenient buildings at the farm. It is painted and grained, heat by steam, well ventilated, will accommodate twenty-five persons and cost \$2,072.79.

The old insane ward is now occupied by males; the new ward by the females, with a separate enclosure for each building. Heretofore the females occupied the upper, and males the lower story

of the old insane ward. This is a very desirable change for many reasons.

At the last session of the legislature, the County Convention voted to make the county jail at Manchester, a County House of Correction for the county, so that a certain class of persons could be sentenced to labor instead of being sent to jail to be boarded, clothed and furnished a home during the winter months. Many of this class prefer the odium of jail-birds than earn an honest living. September Term of the Court found 65 persons confined in the county jail, for which more than one hundred and sixty-two dollars per week was paid from the County Treasury for their board, besides a bill for clothing. The County Convention also authorized the Commissioners to sell the old wooden work shop at the jail and to erect an addition thereto to be used as a House of Correction and work shop. The Commissioners advertised for sealed proposals for the erection of a brick building agreeable to plans and specifications, furnished by George W. Stevens, Esq., architect. Head & Dowst were the lowest bidders. A contract was made with them to erect the building above the underpinning, for \$4,290 exclusive of the cells and plumbing. Bodwell & Co. furnished the stone work by the perch, at a cost of \$847.43. Caswell & Stebbins contracted to build the cells and furnish the plumbing, for \$453 00. A. H. Lowell, bill of iron work, \$248.56. The painting was done by the prisoners. Whole cost of the building is about \$6,000. Water has been introduced into the jail from the city water works, as the cisterns proved inadequate to furnish a supply. The winter had so far advanced, before the completion of the building, but little has been done to encourage honest industry at the jail. The Commissioners will soon arrange for at least ten hours per day of stone breaking for each inmate. If it is not found to be a paying operation in a pecuniary way, certainly honest industry can be developed and encouraged and gentle exercise furnished for the muscular powers. It is hoped that breaking stone by hand power will have a tendency to greatly reduce the number of persons to be sent to jail, thus saving a large expense to the county.

The severe Tramp Law enacted at the last session of the legislature has worked very beneficially not only in this county, but throughout the State, ridding society of a class of persons dangerous to life and property.

The county debt, by the treasurer's report, shows an increase of some \$10,000. This amount will be decreased five thousand dollars, as that amount was raised by taxation to build the jail extension and will be repaid to the County Treasurer before August 25th.

The erection of the new female insane ward, costing about \$2100; the extraordinary court expense of over \$7000, for two trials of Elwin W. Major; the increased expense of supporting paupers by change of time of settlement from 1840 to 1860,

readily accounts for the increase of the county debt, which we trust is only temporary.

COUNTY BONDS.

\$38,000 of county bonds became due in the years 1870, 1873 and 1875, and have been paid. By vote of the County Convention held in June last, the commissioners issued thirty-five thousand dollars of county bonds, dated Sept. 1, 1875, payable in twenty years, bearing six per cent annual interest, to replace the bonds already paid, and \$20,000 becoming due Sept. 1, 1875, the bonds were sold by the County Treasurer at par.

The amount of county bonds now outstanding is \$75,000, payable as follows: \$10,000 due Dec. 1, 1878; \$20,000 due Sept. 1, 1880; \$10,000 due Dec. 1, 1883; \$35,000 due Sept. 1, 1895.

COUNTY FARM.

The usual perplexing duties incident to the successful management of the Almshouse, Insane Wards and the large number of persons to be cared for at the farm, have been well performed by Mr. & Mrs. Bumpus, during the past year, to the entire satisfaction of the Commissioners.

A school has been maintained at the farm a large portion of the year. The crops during the past year have been very good, excepting a total failure of the crop of apples and a very light crop of hay.

The buildings at the county farm are in good repair. No more money will be required to be expended there for several years unless it is thought best to rebuild the small barn, the cost of which is estimated at \$800.

During the year 1874-5, the Commissioners purchased two wood lots at a cost of \$700, to supply fuel for the farm. The immense quantity of wood that was represented to have been growing on the farm when it was purchased by the County, has very rapidly disappeared, and has been supplemented by the purchase of hundreds of cords since the removal from Goffstown. Of the wood now suitable to be cut on the farm, it is estimated at two hundred cords which will supply wood for one year. Wood has become quite scarce in the vicinity of the farm, and no doubt coal will have to be used in the future, and would be the most economical if it could be obtained without hauling it from the railroad depot at East Wilton, a distance of nearly five miles over a road that runs up hill one half of the whole distance; some of it at a grade of one hundred and fifty feet to a mile.

No more money should be expended at the county farm for permanent improvements than is actually necessary, as the removal of the county farm from its present inaccessible location is but a matter of time.

Upon the examination of the table of statistics in this report it will be found that the large towns and cities furnish most of the

paupers and criminals. Many of the towns are released from this burden, as this class usually flock into the cities and villages and then become a public charge. Manchester furnishes nearly one half of the inmates at the county farm. Nashua one fourth, the other one fourth from the smaller towns of the county.

Can any reason be given why nearly three fourths of all the persons sent to the county farm should be transported to nearly the extreme western part of the county, a distance of thirty-seven miles by rail from Manchester and twenty miles distant from Nashua. The cost of transporting a person from Nashua to the House of Correction at Wilton, is \$5; from Manchester \$6 each. The amount paid by the county for transporting this class for the year 1874, was \$536.00, for the year 1875, \$486.00.

In addition to this charge is the cost of transporting a large number of paupers to and from the county farm who are so unfortunate as to be obliged to find a home there.

Expense of paupers not at the farm has materially increased within the past three years and it is found very difficult matter to get a person to consent to go to the county farm, having a strong antipathy against being sent so far away from their friends and kindred, in many instances to be buried amongst strangers in unconsecrated grounds. This class of people linger in poverty until disease confines them to beds of sickness, and then the county is obliged to pay large amounts for their care.

Had the county farm been located midway between Manchester and Nashua, say at Reed's or Thornton's Ferry, near the railroad station, not only the two cities but a large number of the towns of the county would be better accommodated and this poor and unfortunate class more easily cared for, and a saving of thousands of dollars per annum to the county.

A large number of persons have been relieved and assisted by the county during the past year as follows:

At reform school,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	53
county farm,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	206
insane asylum,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
county jail,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	67
Persons supported and partially assisted in the several towns and cities of the county, estimated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	400
Total,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	737

Upon a careful examination it is estimated that over two thirds of this large burden to the county is caused by intemperance.

GEORGE W. RIDDLE,	}	County Commissioners.
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March 24th, 1876.



